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Stock Unequalled, Prices the Lowest, Styles the Latest. See our Dunlap, Knox, Youman shape in Black, Pearl and Newton Stiff Hats. Men's, Boys' and Children's Straw Hats in Manila, Mackinaw and Canton Braid, at the Lowest Prices.

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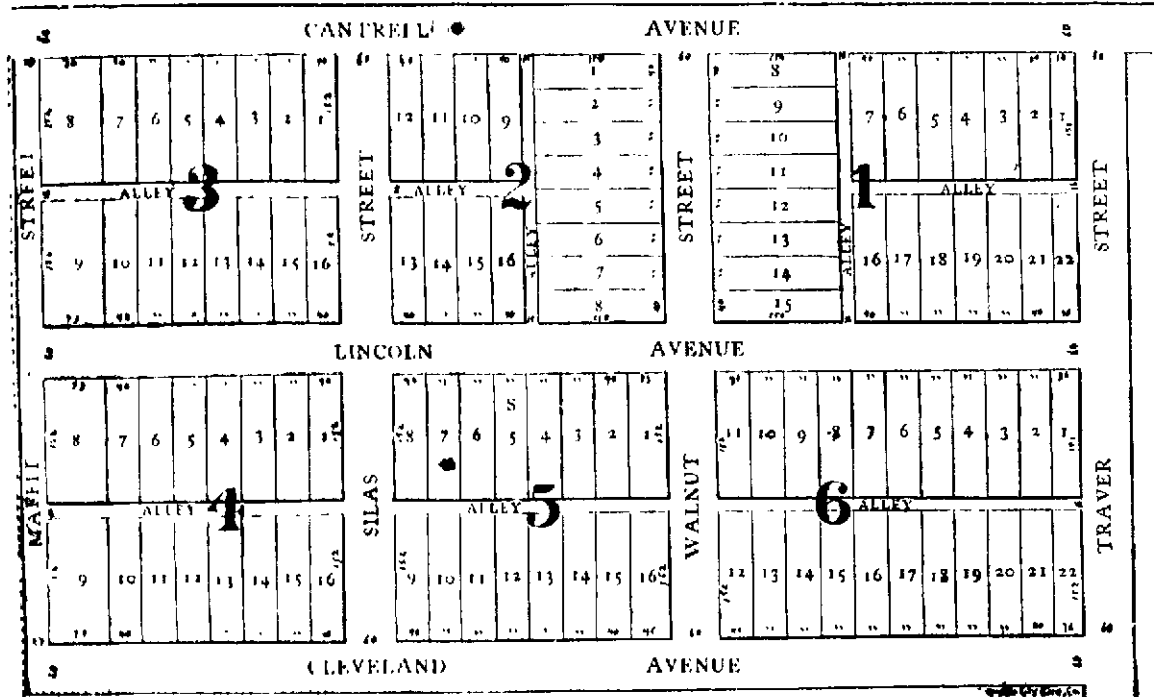
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If you want a profitable, safe and sure investment, one which will yield a large profit in a short time, there is nothing better around Decatur.

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Ground High, Excellent Drainage, Only Eight Blocks from Business Centre, and Streets all nicely Graded.

PRICE—From \$5.00 to \$8.00 per front foot.

TERMS—One-Third to One-Half Cash, balance on time to suit at 6 per cent per annum.

These lots are 150 and 152 feet deep, with an alley in the rear of each lot, as shown by above Plat.

There will be a great boom in this section soon. Buy now, and enjoy the advance.

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The First Sign

Of failing health, whether in the form of Night Sweats and Nervousness, or in a sense of General Weakness and Loss of Appetite, should suggest the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This preparation is most effective for giving tone and strength to the enfeebled system, promoting the digestion and assimilation of food, restoring the nervous forces to their normal condition, and for purifying, enriching, and vitalizing the blood.

Failing Health.

Ten years ago my health began to fail. I was troubled with a distressing Cough, Night Sweats, Weakness, and Nervousness. I tried various remedies prescribed by different physicians, but because so weak that I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. My friends recommended me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and I am now as healthy and strong as ever.—Mrs. E. L. Williams, Alexandria, Minn.

I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla, in my family, for Scrofula, and know, if it is taken faithfully, that it will thoroughly eradicate this terrible disease. I have also prescribed it as a tonic, as well as an alternative, and must say that I honestly believe it to be the best blood medicine ever compounded.—W. F. Fowler, D. D. S., M. D., Greenville, Tenn.

Dyspepsia Cured.

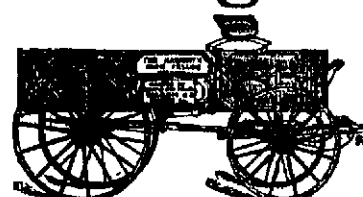
It would be impossible for me to describe what I suffered from Indigestion and Headache up to the time I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I was under the care of various physicians and tried a great many kinds of medicines, but never obtained more than temporary relief. After taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for a short time, my headache disappeared, and my stomach performed its duties more perfectly. Today my health is completely restored.—Mary Harley, Springfield, Mass.

I have been greatly benefited by the prompt use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It tones and invigorates the system, regulates the action of the digestive and assimilative organs, and vitalizes the blood. It is, without doubt, the most reliable blood purifier yet discovered.—H. D. Johnson, 383 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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KILLING INDIAN TIGERS.

Prince Esterhazy's Dangerous Adventures in Eastern Jungles.

"Tiger hunting in India is being carried on by hunting with cattle, so I took a drove of forty head with me," said Prince Louis Esterhazy, of Austria. "A band of some thirty of the natives were started three weeks in advance to seek out the best hunting grounds and whenever a good spot was found one of the shikars dropped out with a certain number of cattle to await my coming. In this way I was enabled to hunt in the wildest sections.

"The cattle were tied one by one to trees in the jungle in the margin of a circle sometimes as much as five miles across. They were placed there at night. The tigers came forth at night to seek their prey, and, finding the cattle leaped upon, killed, and devoured as much as they cared to and went their way.

"Much of this country is low and wet, and the tigers could easily be tracked in the soft soil, especially by the expert native Indians. Following the tracks each successive morning after baiting we would come upon and shoot them. In this way I was enabled to kill nineteen tigers. This is the best record made in India in eighteen years. I had a very big rifle, what is known as an eight-ball gun, carrying twelve drachms of powder. With this an expert is able to bring down even the largest tiger easily, and sometimes by a single shot. But the sportsman must be as quick as lightning, for no sooner does one of these wild tigers see you, even though he may be surfeited with food, than he will leap for you with all the quickness imaginable, and if you do not make sure work of it you are gone.

"The first two or three times, when undergoing these experiences, it made me somewhat nervous, for I would not make a center shot, but in time I got more confidence. I speak now of hunting tigers on foot, as I was doing. This is the most dangerous way, but it is more fascinating. I several times went off into the jungle entirely alone, and hunting in this way I had a number of very narrow escapes. On one occasion I was tracking a tiger and was raising my gun to shoot, having come upon it suddenly, when I was startled by the deep growl and rapid tread of another coming upon me. I was so hard pressed that, after shooting one I had to flee for my life, and only just escaped by climbing a tree. In the eleven months I many times slept out alone in a dismal jungle, with only my blanket to keep off the rain. I suppose I underwent many such an experience, so far as exposure is concerned, as your American trapper and hunter did in earlier and more dangerous days.

"Another way to hunt tigers is to do so shooting from elephants or camels. When this is done a smaller rifle is generally used. I hunted principally as much as two or three hundred miles away from the farthest outpost. I had a regular caravan of elephants, shikars, tents and various equipage, but wandering away by myself I was forced to camp and rough it and endure hardships which I hardly anticipated. This was the case when, for quite a long period, all my servants got sick with fever.

"I shot more and bigger tigers during the rainy months. In ten days in July I shot five tigers and a panther. A tiger always comes from a hill and goes back to a hill. He will not stay long on low ground. Usually three or four at least of a hunting party are killed before the season is over. You will understand, therefore, what good fortune we had in escaping loss of life."

—San Francisco Examiner.

A Rare Arizona Bird.

The "devil-hawk" of Arizona is a rare bird, and an interesting one. He is described as having a remarkably handsome plumage, but a very ugly head. His talons are long and strong, and his beak is almost as sharp as a needle and very powerful. This bird, but for his head, when on the wing would pass for a pigeon. When seeking his prey he plays pigeon, and flies in among the birds unwatched on account of his similarity, and easily captures what he wants. He is the picture of grace and beauty and speed. It is estimated that there are not more than a dozen of these hawks in the Territory. The Mexicans are superstitious about them, and regard the appearance of one as an evil omen.—Troy Times.

"Seriously Dislected."

People are sometimes anxious to state things very delicately. An old colored man named Sam had been absent from his native town for several weeks, and on his return hastened to pay his respects to a colored member of the State Legislature.

"I congratulate you, Bradder Jones, on yer success."

"I guess you air a little mite too previous."

"Why, Bradder Jones, I was informed that you was dislected."

"Did you make a mistake, I regret ter say, on de contrary, Sam, I've been seriously dislected!"

"To be 'seriously dislected' is the fate of a good many candidates.—Yonk's Companion.

An old man has just died in Berlin who had occupied the position of landlord to a large number of tenants for fifty-seven years, and during all that time he never warned out nor raised the rent on a tenant. Nor had he ever given a written lease to any of his tenants.—Philadelphia Press.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

John Middleworth, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Trouble. Was given up by doctors. Am now as best of health." Try a sample bottle free at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store.

For bargains call at Cheap Charley's.

MID-SUMMER CLOTHING.

Seersucker Coats and Vests.

Lustre Coats and Vests.

Cocheco Flannel Coats and Vests.

The Largest and Most Complete Assortment of

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ever exhibited in this city, at

B. STINE'S.

Would be pleased to show you our New Line of

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BRADLEY BROS.' NEW YORK STORE.

SILKS.

Fancy Pin-Head Checked Summer Silks, reduced to 38c per yard.
Two-Toned Summer Silks in all colors, at 50c per yard.
Best quality of fine Summer Silks reduced to 53c per yard.
Broadway Fing Silks at 50c per yard, only price, 55c.
Twill India Pongee Silks at 50c per yard, reduced from 55c.
Choice line of Gros Grain American Silks at 75c per yard.
Handsome Shades in 20-inch Surah Silks at 75c per yard.
32-Inch China and Florentine Silk, in solid and fancy colors, at 98c per yard, regular value, \$1.25.
Black Swiss Silks at 50c per yard.
19-Inch Heavy Gros Grain Silk at 75c per yard.
20-Inch American Gros Grain Silk at 80c, regular value of this number, \$1.10.
22-Inch, Satin Finish Black Gros Grain American Silk, at 98c per yard, regular price, \$1.25 per yard.
Black Surah Silks, 95c per yard.
Black Fulle French Silks, \$1.23 per yard.
Black Rhododendron Silk at \$1.19 per yard.
Black Jersey Armure Silks at \$1.48 per yard.

DRESS GOODS.

Tan Brocade Dress Goods, at 10c per yard. Would be good value at 15c per yard.
All Colors in 36-inch Novelty Twill Dress Goods, at 17c per yard, worth 25c per yard.
36-Inch Fancy Brocade and Plain Dress Goods, at 25c per yard, worth 35c per yard.
2500 YARDS All-Wool French Serges, in choice tan shades, 36-inch and 40-inch wide, reduced to 33 cents per yard. Former price, 60c and 60c per yard.
Our Entire Lot of 40-inch Tan Cashmores, Diagonal Coats and Fancy Tan Striped All-Wool Dress Goods, at 50c per yard. Former price, 65c and 75c per yard.
40-Inch Fancy Combination Checked and Striped All-Wool Dress Goods, at 50c per yard; reduced from 90c per yard.
42-Inch Fancy All-Wool German Dress Goods, at 60c per yard; reduced from 90c per yard.
49-Inch All-Wool Beaten Suitings, in Tans and Drabs, at 70c per yard; reduced from \$1.00 per yard.

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NEW YORK STORE

CALL AT

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AND SEE THE PATENT

Mother's Friend Shirt Waist.



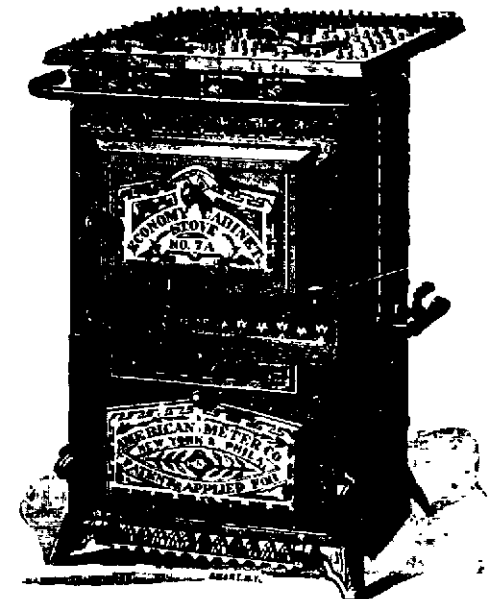
No Buttons Can be Torn off Either in Wearing or Washing.

The "Mother's Friend" does away entirely with the sewing on of buttons. It is supplied with an adjustable belt, which is easily taken off when the waist is washed; the buttons are riveted on the belt, consequently cannot be torn off, either in washing or wearing.

For SPRING SUITS call and see the Styles and Prices.

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GAS THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE.



At the Company's office, 124 North Water street, you will find a complete line of GAS COOKING RANGES, which will be sold to our customers at ACTUAL COST.

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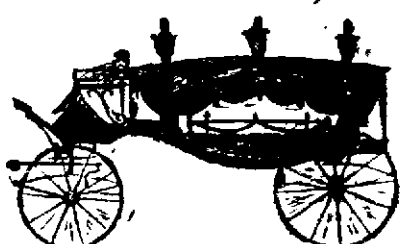
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Funeral Director.



Mr. Bullard will always keep in stock the best of everything pertaining to the undertaking business, with cheap prices to correspond. He makes a specialty of Embalming and preserving the features of the dead. Do not fail to interview Mr. Bullard when requiring service in his line. The finest hearse and carriages always ready for prompt arrival at the graves. A full outfit is on duty night and day, and all orders by telephone will receive prompt attention.

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to be made. Cut this out and return to us, and we will send you free, something of great value and importance to you, that will start you in business which will bring you in more money right away than anything else in this world. Any one can do the work and live at home. Either sex, all ages. Something new, that just comes money for all workers. We will start you; capital not needed. This is one of the genuine, important chances of a lifetime. Those who are ambitious and enterprising will not delay. Grand, quick free. Address: Taux & Co., 1601-demos-wytr

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Feb 7-1887

John A. Brown,

ATTORNEY AT LAW

And Master in Chancery for Mason County, Ill.

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Special attention to matters in Probate and Chancery.

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Office over the Postoffice, Decatur, Illinois.

TELEGRAPHY. Letters by day.

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Application Denied

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Secretary Lamar yesterday denied the application made on behalf of the heirs of John C. Bowling for recognition of his claim as one of the original grantees of Louisiana, amounting to \$100,000,000.

The applicant was a Frenchman, who came to America in 1803, and settled at New Orleans. He died there in 1860, leaving a son, John C. Bowling, Jr., who died in 1890, leaving a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bowling, who is now living in New Orleans. The applicant claims that he was one of the original grantees of Louisiana, and that he is entitled to the same treatment as the other original grantees.

The secretary said that the application was not valid, because it was not made by the person who claimed to be the original grantee, and because it was not supported by sufficient evidence.

More Fire at Clarendon.
ENR, Pa., July 7.—The terrible fire which swept the little town of Clarendon on Monday was supplemented yesterday by another which threatened to engulf the town.

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shaking the opposing argument, we say the following extract from a speech by Col. Watterston, the planned knight of the Southern chivalry, made before the

FLAUNTINGS, HOBIERY, GLOVES, ETC., ETC. **ALL MUST GO, and will be sold REGARDLESS OF PROFIT or regular value.**

GAUZE UNDERWEAR. Undried Shirts. Ladies' Colored Skirts, Housekeeping Linens, Carpet Wares, Hand Satchels, and Jewel

CHICAGO, July 6 Judge Jameson began his usual work of hearing the exchange of a new venire of thirty jurors this morning. It was noted that he also denied knowing anything of the shooting. Although Brown's wound is not serious, it may prove fatal as the likelihood of look-alike waiting to be hit under a physician's care at his home was pointed out.

heads together and the consultation last of some time.

States Attorney General, General Smith and Mr. Walker, were closed together in the anti-room discussing plans to get out of the city.

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points in Texas. Through cars daily without change between St. Louis, Paris, Dallas and Galveston. For full particulars, with maps, time tables, rates, etc., address or call upon your nearest ticket agent, or call on the Texas Central.

4TH. BAKING

FOR THE



This firm has burned soft coal 2-46

authorized ward will receive bids for the

Entire Stock of Merchandise
belonging to the Estate of

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And a recess was taken until two o'clock
Signal Riders were already sworn to try the case.
Salt Works Destroyed—
Monmouth—The salt works at
 Go to Spencer, Lehman & Co, for
 Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps, and Iron
 Work Pumps. (tel-8-daw)
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 I. Brunson, Adm'r
 June 28-daw
 Come and Get the Goods at Once.
 First Choice Always the Best.
 Elegant and Beautiful Iron, French
 Kid, French Calf, Patent Leather Tipped
 Ladies \$3.00 Boots, first of the Fall
 Styles, just received, at
 Buy a Hammock, and take life easy
 An immense stock at Barton's. 25-dit
 New Engravings just received at Bar-

MIDSUMMER WEDDINGS.

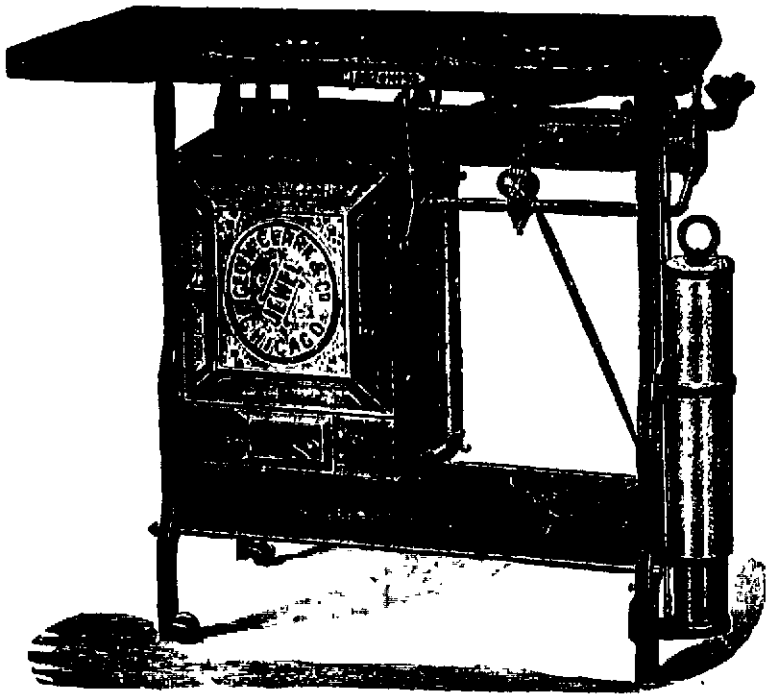
We have the finest exhibition of EXQUISITE WEDDING GOODS we have ever shown. We should like all interested in Midsummer Weddings to examine them.

OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.,
Leading Reliable Jewelers.

1887 SOMETHING NEW. 1887

THE JEWEL PNEUMATIC RANGES.

ABSOLUTELY THE SAFEST AND MOST CONVENIENT.



Jewel Pneumatic 3-burner Ranges for sale by
LYTLE & ECKELS,
125 North Water Street.

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Our business was established in 1855, thirty-two years ago, on the corner of South Main and Wood streets, where we are still located. The above fact proves conclusively that we have attained marked success in catering to the wants of the public, and should be accepted as a sufficient guarantee for the future. We can as before supply you with the best of everything in our line, and only ask for a continuation of the very liberal patronage heretofore bestowed, being satisfied that we can MEET all demands made upon us.

IMBODEN BROS.

Kid Gloves.
We purpose to make our Kid Glove Department of real interest to the public by offering only "First Quality" gloves at 50c. "The E. Type," Foster's Patent (Hovey, at 50c. "Foster's" best 5-hole kids, at \$1.00; and our Real French Kids, Foster's Patent, at \$1.18. Every pair warranted when tried on in the store.
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For first-class Upholstery, furniture repairing, carpet laying, awnings, tents, wagon covers, etc., etc., go to A. Beer, southwest corner old square.
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Repairs and repainting general line of vehicle work at the Bluegrass Shop.
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Up to Spencer, Lehman & Co. for Wood Pumps, Chain Pumps and Iron Force Pumps.
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MORRISON, WELLS & CO. are constantly receiving new patterns in Wood, Iron and Sheet Metal, Castings, Fire Saws, and everything pertaining to this line. No larger or more complete assortment can be found elsewhere.
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For I am now delivering ice to all parts of the city. Leave orders at Jos. Mehl's cigar store, or telephone 176.
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"SHK" "Jesse" "Lawn" "King Solomon's Mines" 20 cents each, at Eaton's book store.
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A new line of light-colored stiff brim Hats, latest shades and styles, at B. B. Stone's.
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Telephone D. A. Maffei for ice in any quantity. Telephone 100.
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DAILY REPUBLICAN.

Get the BEST for your MONEY.

BIG C —AND— LITTLE D CHEWING TOBACCO!

Now on Sale.

These goods have no equal in Decatur. Try them and you will use no other.

DINGES & COOP.

WEDNESDAY EVE., JULY 6, 1887.

LOCAL NEWS.

See that beautiful line of Bronze Figures and Triplicate Mirrors, just opened at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO'S.
(Good rains are reported south of Decatur.)

You will like White Foam and Domestic Hour. All grocers sell these brands. MANY of our country cousins are in town to-day. They came to see the elephant.

There will be special communion service at the U. B. church next Sunday.

H. W. Fenton now has about 15 applications from parties from different parts of the country, to lease the new hotel he is about to erect.

First township will hold its Sunday school convention next Sunday in the Warronsburg M. E. church, the first session opening at 3 p. m. Address report a good programme.

Stray in at J. Lytle & Co's store for good groceries, bread, cakes, pies and fruits.

To-day Contractor Gross began breaking ground for the West Main street paving improvement. The street is closed against teams from Church west to Edward.

White loaf flour can be found in all leading grocery stores. Try it.

A laws assembly will be held on Friday evening at the residence of W. C. Outten, corner of Prairie and Monroe streets, for the benefit of the Y. W. C. T. U. The Opera House Orchestra will furnish music, and refreshments will be served. All invited to attend.

Patrons of Knede & Osborne always get the worth of their money in reliable groceries, fruits and vegetables.

Extensive public improvements are in progress in Decatur, and will be kept up all summer. Decatur is always on the boom.

Now is the time to appreciate the comforts of an oil stove. Buy the Jewell at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store.

The bill against playing ball on Sunday was not adopted by the last assembly. The bill failed to pass in the senate and died on first issue.

If you have a wagon, carriage or buggy to repair, if you have any job of general blacksmithing or wood repairing to do, any vehicle that needs repainting or fixing up, go to C. W. Frow, on Wood street, and he will do it in the best of shape and at reasonable prices. Mr. Frow is a practical mechanic of large experience, and you will run no risk in entrusting your work to him. Remember the place, D. F. Hamsher's old shop, on Wood street.
July 7-6w4

Trade with Smith & Son, at 733 North Water street. Reliable groceries.

Send to Niedermeyer on the Mount, by telephone, for family groceries.

The sleepless grocers are Hanks & Puterson, at 143 South Water street. They keep a complete line of goods and fill all orders promptly.

Remember the veteran, A. Kramer, when you want a substantial and handsome buggy, surrey or carriage.

The Pianos and Organs sold by Prescott, have been for many years in the market, and always found as represented. Examine his stock before placing your orders and you will be sure to buy.

Dresses worn only 20 cents, at Six ton's book store.
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Once More.
Having determined to change my location, I will offer my residence property at a price so low you will be interested. If you get left, no one to blame but yourself.
Jno. W. Lyons,
Republican Job Rooms.

Hot and Still Hotter.
Now is the time to buy Men's Low Cut Shoes, beautiful styles, worth \$2.50—\$2.25; all reduced to \$1.65 at
POWERS & HAWORTH'S.
June24-dit

Earnings of the Wabash Road.
Receiver John McNulta has issued the following statement of the financial affairs of the Wabash railway under the receivership:
Gross earnings for May, 1887 \$ 549,629
Less expenses for May, 1887 154,772
Net earnings for May, 1887 394,857
Increase net over 1886 578
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Gross earnings, Jan 1 to May 31, 1887 2,491,881
Less expenses for same period 789,321
Net earnings for same period 1,702,560
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The indications are that there will be an increase in net earnings in June as great or greater than that shown in May, and that the net earnings for June will be upward of \$160,000.

An excellent platform in some respects is that of the Patriotic Sons of America. They say: "We are opposed to the occupancy of any part of our country by foreign speculators or adventurers who do not wish to become citizens, and we believe that all the resources and privileges of the country should be reserved for the exclusive use of native-born or naturalized citizens. We are in favor of crushing out that foreign element which comes here to advocate communism and nihilism, and which does not identify itself with our country and does not respect our flag."

Ten Peter Shuttler is the best wagon in the world.
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For bargains call at Chesep Church's.
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IT WAS A MURDER.

Death of William Gross at Blue Mound—Coroner Perl at the Scene.

This morning shortly after nine o'clock a telephone message came to Decatur giving the not unexpected intelligence that William Gross, who was stabbed in the left breast Saturday, July 2, had died at 9 a. m. to-day. There were but slight hopes of Mr. Gross' recovery from the time of the fatal stab, and his relatives and friends were prepared for the worst, while they did everything in their power to render his last hours as comfortable as possible.

Coroner Perl was notified of the death of Mr. Gross, and he started out in a buggy to hold the inquest.

THE ASSAULT.

The particulars of the murderous attack on Gross have already been given in these columns and are familiar to our readers. For a little over a month Mr. Gross had been running a saloon at Blue Mound, a small town 14 miles southwest of Decatur on the St. Louis branch of the Wabash. A week or so before the assault Mr. Gross received one or more letters from W. E. Westbrook, a young man of 22, who lived near Grove City, in Christian county. The writer, it is alleged, accused Gross of having sold liquor to a minor, and offered to keep quiet about the violation of law if he (Gross) would put up \$25—if he did not there would be trouble. Westbrook was in Blue Mound on Saturday, and along about 9 o'clock in the forenoon the two men met near the railroad crossing. Westbrook had an open knife in his hand. Gross asked Westbrook if he had written the blackmailing letter, and he answered that he did. One report is that Westbrook immediately stabbed Gross in the left breast, severing the fifth rib and cutting into the left lung. Westbrook Gross knocked Westbrook down, but on feeling the pain in his breast and seeing the blood he left the prostrate man and was carried for by friends. Drs. Harvey and Foster attended him and Dr. Bush, of Springfield, was called to see the wounded man on Tuesday.

Westbrook was immediately taken in custody. He was held to answer without bail, and narrowly escaped lynching. The officer managed to lodge the prisoner safely in the county jail on Saturday night, and he will remain there until his case comes up for trial.

Mr. Gross was a man aged about 43 years, and leaves a widow and a child nine years old. He was a son of Charles Gross and was a member of an old and highly respected family. He owned a farm of 120 acres near Blue Mound and several pieces of property in the village. The feeling against Westbrook is very strong. The assault is regarded as entirely unprovoked.

THE LAST HOUR.

Blue Mound, Ill., July 7.—Wm. Gross, the saloonkeeper who was stabbed by Enos Westbrook last Saturday morning, is dead. He died about 9 a. m. this morning. He became very restless Tuesday night and about midnight got up from his couch and ran into the kitchen and tried to get out doors, saying he wanted to get home, and it was with some difficulty that his attendants succeeded in getting him back to bed; and again on Wednesday at noon he suddenly arose from his couch and jumped through a window into the yard, and in attempting to climb the fence he fell and was caught by the attendants and taken back to his bed. Soon after this his hands and feet became cold and clammy and he began to weaken and gradually grew weaker until death. An inquest will be held this afternoon, after which arrangements will be made for burial. Our entire community are in deep sympathy.

On Saturday evening the 78th birthday of David Brockway and the 70th anniversary of his wife were pleasantly celebrated at their home on West Cerro Gordo street. Mrs. J. C. Millenburgh successfully planned the surprise, which was attended by the Millenburgh family, Mrs. Cheney and son, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Jefferson and son, of Toledo, T. J. Canton, of Chicago, Mrs. Frank Shafer and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller and Mary Washam, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ready. The couple, who are in good health, received a number of valuable gifts, and a fine supper was served.

Base Ball.

The Rockfords say they cannot come next week. They will send dates for a later period.

Dr. Ellsinger insists that the Champaign Clippers will give Decatur a close rub.

In the game at Danville yesterday the Platts were defeated by the Champaign Clippers, 6 to 1.

Staley resists all temptations offered to join the western league, and says he will stay in Decatur as long as there is a club here.

Grain In Store in Chicago.

Weekly Statement, compiled from the books of the State Warehouse Register, showing the amount, in bushels, of each kind of grain in store in the Public Warehouses of Chicago at the close of business on

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 1887.				
Kind	Amount	Decatur	Total	Amount
Wheat	1,254,000	12,000	1,266,000	7,786,224
Barley	25,000	2,500	27,500	20,000
Oats	14,750	7,500	22,250	13,000
Hay	24,044,361	17,047,764	41,092,125	2,500

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Warehouse Register.

Y. M. C. A. Sociable.
Thursday evening the regular monthly sociable will occur in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. It will be given by the young people of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First M. E. church, being their second sociable. The programme will be as follows:

Piano Solo Misses Knapp and Gehman
Vocal Solo Misses Knapp and Gehman
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The Park Theatre.
The Mand Atkinson company will repeat "The Factory Girl" at the Oakland Park theatre to-night. There were several hundred people out last night. See the performance this evening. Admission 10 cents.

No injurious effects can follow the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It contains an untainted and specific for miasmatic poisons, together with remedial agents which purify and re-invigorate the system.

Death of an Old Lady.

Mrs. Margaret Greer, mother of Mrs. Henry Hunsley and grandmother of H. M. Willard, of Decatur, died at Chicago, Ill., on July 4th, aged 88 years. The deceased was a native of Virginia and moved to Illinois in 1830, locating near Beardstown. She came to Macon county in 1856. The funeral took place on Tuesday. It was during her residence near Beardstown that Mrs. Greer became well acquainted with the late President Lincoln, who was then clerking in a store. He boarded at her house off and on for two years, and when he was taken down with the smallpox she attended him during his months of illness.

Sales of Real Estate.

J. A. Roney to A. T. Raley, lot 11, 12, 13 and 14, in block 1, Wood's 2d addition—\$650.

Oliver R. Holt to Anna B. Simpson, the Holt property on West Main street—\$1900.

Bessie DeHart to Thomas Gabriel, lot 26 in block 3, Higgins' addition—\$200.

Mary A. Barcott to B. K. Hamsher, 80 acres in S. 16, 3—\$1,100.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Drake, of Aurora, are in the city.

Mrs. D. L. Hughes arrived from Blue Mound last night.

Miss Mollie Henry has returned from Lincoln.

Mrs. A. Kinney Hall is in Chicago on a visit.

Mrs. J. F. Roach is entertaining Miss Florence Carter of Peoria.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Armstrong, on Wednesday afternoon, July 6th, a son.

A. L. Armstrong, hardware dealer at Bethany, was in Decatur on business to-day.

E. E. Fleming, division freight agent for the Wabash, will bring his family to Decatur from Peoria.

Thomas Lee got home yesterday from Union, Mo., and is on duty to-day aiding State's Attorney Vail in attending to criminal matters in the local courts.

J. M. Gray, of Valparaiso, Ind., is a guest of J. M. Ready. Mr. G. has been engaged to teach the Sangamon Station school at \$50 a month for 8 months.

Col. Thomas R. Perry, press agent Dons & Ryals, United Shows and "Wild West," called at our office to-day. Mr. Perry is manager of the well-known stars Baker & Farson, who visit our city every season.

Prof. S. M. Lutz is in Indianapolis attending the great Musical Festival. He writes us that it is an immense affair—chorus of over 400 and an orchestra of 50 pieces. Two thousand music teachers are in attendance.

Let Her Go.

H. W. Childs, one of the contractors, and two expert operators, W. H. Adams and David Adams, arrived in the city this morning from Lima, Ohio, and will begin boring for natural gas on the Stars Brothers lot to-morrow. They would begin to-day but having been on the train 12 hours they feel tired and will take a rest. The Adams brothers are skilled in their line and have never had any bad luck in searching for gas and oil.

This noon little Frank Dunston, son of Andrew Dunston, was running a lawn mower at the family residence on East Wood street. In some manner the boy got one of his little fingers caught in the machine and it was cut off. About an inch in length is gone.

On July 4th the Pension Bureau granted pensions to Mrs. Ann J. Wickham, widow of William Wickham, and Mrs. Mary Ryan, widow of Martin Ryan, both of this county. The last named case was a Mexican war pension.

The young people's Christian Endeavor Society of the church will give a sociable at Stapp's Chapel on Friday evening at which refreshments will be served and a literary programme carried out. All are invited.

Philip McVey.

The funeral of Philip McVey took place Wednesday from his late residence in Decatur. Rev. T. I. Coulter, pastor of the Methodist church of that city, conducted very appropriate services. The remains were taken by special train from Decatur to Monticello for interment, the funeral being under the auspices of Urbana Commandery, which attended in a body. The Commandery feels under many obligations to the Decatur Commandery for the attention and care extended to Sir Knight McVey, also the royal welcome extended to them on the occasion of the funeral. The Illinois Central road, through its official trainmaster, Mr. Ward, of Champaign, deersays special credit for providing special trains and in many ways contributing to the comfort of the Knights and friends who attended the funeral. Mr. McVey was 53 years of age, had been in the railroad service for 31 years, 20 of which were spent in Champaign and this city. He was a good man, a respected citizen, and had the confidence of everyone who knew him. He left four brothers who arrive him. Urbana Herald, July 6.

MAUD ATKINSON.

At Oakland Park Every Night This Week.

The Maud Atkinson company will appear at Oakland Park for one week beginning Monday evening, July 4th.

CHANGE OF PLAY TONIGHT.

Doors open at 6:30; performance begins at 8:15 p. m. Admission in the evening 10 cents.

Norway—In case of rain the performance will take place at the opera house.

The "crazy party" at the K. H. Roby residence last evening, managed by the ladies of St. John's church, proved a big success in every respect. The ladies appeared in odd costumes and the lawn was lighted with Japanese lanterns of various colors. Refreshments were sold profusely. A varied program in keeping with the novel reception was observed.

The famous Capt. E. F. Stubbs, champion shot of the world, is with the circus. He was in the parade to-day, heading the Wild West feature. The Captain has many friends in Decatur who will visit the show to-night to witness his skill with the rifle.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Grady was badly bitten in the face and on the hands by a rat on Monday night. Serious results are feared. The rat had got on the bed where the infant was sleeping.

Four Ice Wagons.
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The Big Circus.

All Decatur and hundreds of visitors filled the streets this forenoon to witness the parade of the Doris & Colvin circus and menagerie. The display was gorgeous and creditable. The outfit got in from Springfield this morning and put up the monster tents at the ball park. The performance this afternoon drew a large crowd. There is one feature very noticeable about this show, the absence of fakirs and rowdies, drunkenness, gambling and disorderly conduct. This has given the show a good reputation, and it is greatly to the credit of Doris & Colvin, who give the management of the show much personal attention. The menagerie is quite extensive, and there may be seen a choice collection of animals from every clime. In the main tent, with its two large circus rings and elevated stage, the triple acts elicit one's whole attention. The elephants and horses exhibited intelligence almost approaching the human; the feats of contortion and jugglery, the midair performances, the bar-back riding and the slack wire walking were all pleasing and skillful. The Wild West feature of the show was a great drawing card. The Indians and cowboys, the old Deadwood mail coach, the bucking steers and bronchos were there in all that the terms signify, and the demonstrations of border life were realistic. The skill which Captain Stubbs displayed in his rifle shooting was phenomenal. In fact, it was a great show, and has a world of meaning in this day of wonderful things. To-night will be the last chance to see this monster show. Doors open at seven o'clock, and one price of admission to all the three shows.

Police.

Justice Odor had Frank Cotlran, Ed Poor, Thomas Murphy and J. Jacobson before him to-day for disorderly conduct in connection with an alleged carousal with lewd women in the vicinity of the stock yards. Each was fined \$3 and costs. The women will be made to toe the mark.

Before the same Justice, John W. Smith, a veteran rambler, was fined \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct. Sentence was suspended 10 days to give the old chap ample time to leave the city for the city's good.

William Butzen and Henry Marefield are charged with having threatened the life of Henry F. Wampler. The trial will be heard before Odor. Another warrant charging the young men with carrying concealed weapons has been sworn out by Wampler.

The Law of the Case.

The statutes of Illinois are very explicit and very severe upon confidence gamblers. The attempt to execute a confidence swindle is made as criminal as to succeed in one. The statute reads: "Every person who shall obtain, or attempt to obtain, from any other person or persons, any money or property, by means of or by use of any false or bogus checks, or by any other means, instrument, or device, commonly called the confidence game, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than ten years." Elderly gentlemen should keep their eyes peeled for smooth chaps who claim to be nephews of some wealthy resident. They always have some scheme to work.

Foul Play.

One Dr. I. N. Gilliam, at Danville, is in trouble on a charge of abortion. The victim was Miss Arilla Boyd, whose body was taken through Decatur to Astoria, Ill., on Monday, accompanied by the Doctor and a strange man. Suspicion of foul play was aroused at Danville and State's Attorney Calloun followed the body to Astoria. It had been buried but was exhumed and a post mortem held. The suspicious aroused were confirmed, and Dr. Gilliam was placed under arrest. Miss Boyd was in Decatur for a month several weeks ago. She was a girl of 22 and had taught school at Blue Grass in Vermilion county. The authorities will prosecute the physician.

From Emery.

EDS. REPUBLICAN.—In last week's publication of your valuable paper was noticed by its many readers an article headed "Emery Notes," seemingly written by some correspondent or other, or in other words, a chronic crank, cranky. Therefore we deem it a duty to inform your many readers that the article from Emery in last week's REPUBLICAN was written by every one believes, by a chronic crank, who lives by himself in the northwest corner of Whitewater township and who seems to take pleasure in slandering and outlandish talk about respectable people who live in this community; and any one that chanced to read his article would think that Emery was a wild, un-civilized town, full of outlaws and desperadoes. But kind reader, it is the reverse; Emery is a quiet, home-like sort of a place, situated on the I. C. R. R., just nine miles north of Decatur, and in a better community no one need want to live. Your correspondent is wrong when he says the Clinton boys added another laurel to their brows by putting two half grown dogs in Joe Ray's house and breaking into the same. They have never laid a hand on their brow, nor are they entitled to one yet; and as to building up their reputation on disreputable cause, it is an infernal farce. "Lap-sus Calami" the dogs were put in Joe Ray's out-house, not in his dwelling, as some who read might be led to believe. Neither was any house-breaking done; the dogs were put there unknown to the Clinton boys, and the party who put them there does not deny doing it. And, "Lap-sus Calami," when Joe Ray suspected the Clinton boys of doing it why didn't he, like a man, go and see their father about it, and not write him a threatening letter; and then for you to expose your ignorance as you did by writing a lot of scandalous lies to a paper for publication, which man with the least particle of a man would be guilty of doing. And you say one of those fellows has been inside the county bastille and is only now free under bonds; you surely must be a chronic crank, and a fit subject for Jacksonville, for it is a lie. Lap-sus Calami, I'll agree with you that those who injure or try to injure one's family ought to be done up by the cotton-free route you mentioned; so I think you are a fit candidate for the position, as this is your first time. "The true people in the city have little idea what a curse those dogs and Joe R. have been to a farming community. And as Lap-sus Calami said, it need not surprise any one to wake up some fine morning and find the community well rid of the whole infernal crew of curs, with Lap-sus Calami thrown in."
M. H. D.
Emery, Ill., July 6.

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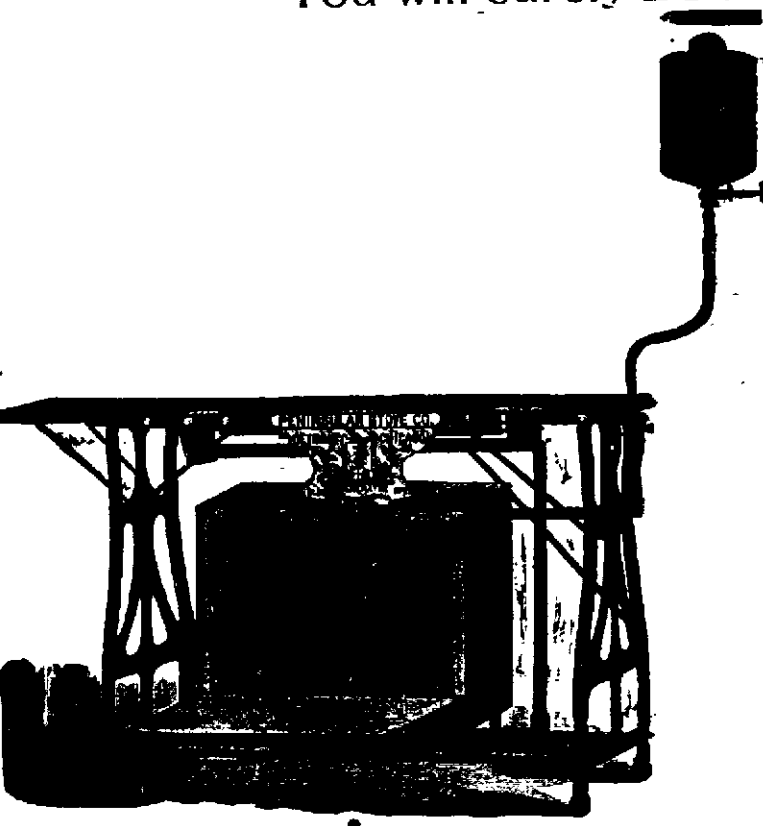
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